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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation has estimated the shortage of nurses in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to bridge the shortfall;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to assess the impact of shortages of nurses on the rural health care, especially, on the maternal, infant and child mortality;

(e) if so, the details of the outcome thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a)&(b) No. However, it is estimated that 10.43 lakh nurses would be required by 2012 in the country. Taking into account 3.72 lakh nurses available and 3.13 lakh nurse likely to be trained with the existing capacity, there would be shortfall of 3.50 lakh nurse.

(c) The following steps have been initiated to bridge the shortfall:-

(i) Establishment of 132 Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM) and 137 General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) schools in those districts of high focus states which are not having both these training programmes.

(ii) Establishment of 6 Colleges of Nursing at the sites of AIIMS like institutions one each in Rajasthan, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttarakhand.

(iii) Indian Nursing Council has also taken proactive measures to encourage opening of more nursing institutions. A copy is at Annexure.

(d) No.

(e)& (f) Does not a arise.